(b) The Government has considered the issues raised in the above report.

(c) The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987 has come into force with effect from 21st March, 1988 only. It is too early to consider introducing fresh legislation at this stage.

Book Stalls at Railway Stations

894. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of book stalls at Railway Stations in the country zone-wise as on March 31, 1989;

(b) the total number of book stalls which belong to A. H. Wheeler & Co. as on March 31, 1989, zone-wise; and

(c) the total earning of railways on this account, zone-wise during the last financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A statement is attached. (*See* below).

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Book stalls at Railway stations

Zone	No. of Book-stalls at Railway Stations in the country, zone-wise, as on 31-3-89.	Total No. of Book stalls held by M/s A.H. Wheeler & Co. as on 31-3-89.
CENTRAL	156	75
EASTERN	126	42
NORTHERN	161	48
NORTH EASTERN	97	46
NORTH EAST FRONTIER	40	28
SOUTHERN	95	Nil
SOUTH CENTRAL	106	22
SOUTH EASTERN	78	31
WESTERN	132	72
TOTAL	991	364